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RUTH O. LONGWORTH, State Librarian, will retire August 1, 1970. Mrs. Longworth has served in this position since June 1957.

She was awarded a life membership in the Pacific Northwest Library Association at the 1969 conference and was presented the Librarian of the Year Award by Governor Forrest Anderson in April. The Montana Library Association held a gala appreciation banquet for her during its recent conference in Great Falls. A hilarious skit entitled "Think Big" dramatized the highlights of her career and she received a gift of \$1,000 and an armload of red roses from members of the Association and friends.

Her associates and uncounted friends in the state will greatly miss her warmth, good humor and superb leadership. Their affection and best wishes go with her to Ventura, California where she will reside after August 1st.

DAVID HOFFMAN, Deputy State Librarian, has been named Director of Library Development by the Montana State Library Commission effective July 1, 1970.

MRS. PARKER N. DAVIES has been appointed to the Montana State Library Commission by Governor Forrest Anderson. Mrs. Davies who is Librarian of the Lewis and Clark Jr. High School in Billings succeeds Mrs. Velma Pemberton who has served on the Commission for six years.

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY VOTERS approved a levy to support the county's continued participation in the Big Sky Federation at the primary election. All good library friends in the county are to be congratulated on their success.

CONGRATULATIONS to David Hoffman for his election to the American Library Association Council as Councilor at Large.

SUMMER WORKSHOPS AND INSTITUTES: An organization and administration of media workshop will be held at Montana State University July 20-24. The workshop is planned to provide assistance for school and public librarians in selecting, purchasing, housing, cataloging and disseminating media materials. It will be conducted by Helen Dresen, Frances Wells and Phyllis Williamson.

The Billings Public Library and Eastern Montana College will co-sponsor an institute on library service for children and young adults August 17-21. The institute will be conducted by Margaret Edwards, formerly Coordinator of Young Adult Services for the Enoch Pratt Library in Baltimore and Carolyn Fields, Coordinator of Childrens Services, Free Library of Philadelphia.

The Adolescent and the Library will be the subject of a workshop at the University of Montana August 3-14. Mrs. Margaret Edwards, who will be making her third appearance at the University, will conduct the two week session. Additional information about the workshop can be obtained from Larry Hodges, School of Education, University of Montana.



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THE NEW LIBRARY in Baker was the scene of an open house on April 19th. Fallon County residents and guests from other parts of the state toured this beautiful new building which was completed this spring. Willard Johnson of Billings was the architect. Other new libraries which held open houses recently were the Flathead County Library in Kalispell on April 12th and the Eureka Library on May 24th. The Lincoln County Library in Libby celebrated its 50th anniversary with an open house on April 15th. Mrs. L. F. Vinal, an early Libby citizen who helped spearhead the movement for a county library, recounted some of the highlights of the early history of the library.

Leon Coombs died on Thursday, June 11th following surgery in Glendive. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Perl, who is Consultant for the State Library.

MONTANIANA: Montana gold rush diary of Kate Dunlap. Old West Publishing Co. and the University of Utah Press. \$15. The diary provides a record of a trip West from Iowa to Bannack City in 1864. Flathead and Kootenay; the rivers, the tribes and the region's traders by Olga Johnson. Arthur H. Clark Co. \$13.50. This history of the area is a Northwest Historical Series Volume IX. Montana past-an anthology co-edited by Michael Malone and Richard Roeder. University of Montana Press. \$6.95. A 20 chapter volume which includes the most representative works by recognized authorities on Montana history. Strike them hard by Robert J. Ege. Old Army Press. \$7. The account of Colonel Eugene Baker's attack on an Indian encampment on the Marias River can be purchased from the Book and Gift Shop, Great Falls. Thrashin' time by Milton Shatraw. American West Publishing Co. \$5.95. Memoirs of a Montana boyhood on ranches in the Wolf Creek and Dupuyer areas. Rhymes of a cowboy by Ken Ralston. Rimrock Publishing Co., Billings. \$12.50. This book of poetry is written and illustrated by the noted Montana artist. Garfield County - the golden years by Fern Schillreff and Jessie M. Shawver. \$9. This two volume history of the county may be purchased from the authors, Jordan. Garfield County 1919-1969. \$4. This history of the county was prepared by the 1968-69 Montana History classes of Garfield County High School and may be purchased from the high school. Thoughts of a hillman by R. L. Parker. \$3. These poems by a Montana author may be obtained from the Big Horn Drug Co. in Hardin. Photo history of Shields Valley by Bill and Doris Whithorn. Park County News, Livingston. \$1. Photos and text of the early days in Clyde Park, Wilsall and Shields Valley. A poet goes to war by Earl Martin. Big Sky Books, Montana State University. \$1.20. The author of this book of poetry is a Vietnam veteran and currently a student at Montana State University. Moose, Bruce and the goose by Robert Scott McKinnon. Bobbs-Merrill. \$5.00. The scene of this juvenile by a Great Falls author is Montana. Trail dust by Ed Sifert. Carlton Press. \$2.75. A collection of poems celebrating the early days of the American West by a Glendive author. Montana memories Volume I; homesteaders - forest fires - bear stories by Charles Green. Thomas Printing Co., Kalispell. \$3. A recounting of early days in Northwest Montana. Beaverhead revisited by Frank, Eirene and Lambert Eliel. Finefrock Publishing Co. \$1.25. This history of Dillon which includes a reprint of Our little old home town by Frank Eliel is available from the Beaverhead Chamber of Commerce in Dillon.

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